

CLAIMS:

1. A method for modifying fibers, comprising the steps of:
applying a solution of a low substituted cellulose
5 ether having a molar degree of substitution with alkyl and/or
hydroxyalkyl groups in the range of 0.05 to 1.0 in an aqueous
alkali solution to fibers, and
causing the solution borne on fibers to coagulate.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the low substituted
cellulose ether is selected from the group consisting of low
substituted alkyl celluloses, low substituted hydroxyalkyl
celluloses, and low substituted hydroxyalkyl alkyl
celluloses.
- 15 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the aqueous alkali
solution has an alkali concentration of 2 to 25% by weight.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the concentration of low
20 substituted cellulose ether in the aqueous alkaline solution
is 0.5 to 15% by weight.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of causing the
solution borne on fibers to coagulate includes salting-out
25 coagulation, neutralization coagulation or a combination
thereof.